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In re the Application of

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR UNIFIED MANAGEMENT OF PLURALITY OF

ASSETS USING COMPUTER NETWORK

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 5 as followed:

Claim 5, line 3, change "any of claims 1 through 4" to --claim 1--.